

## The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the UN and the Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)

Cordially invite you to a Panel Discussion on

### “Work-Family Balance, Social Development, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Implementation of Culturally Specific Policies”

United Nations 54<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD54)

9 February 2016, 3:00pm  
Room # 8, UN Headquarters, New York

The panel discussion aims to provide an opportunity to engage in a substantive dialogue on policy options to further implement Goal 5, specifically Target 5.4, in the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda which states that the “value [of] unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate.” The discussion will further emphasize that context is a primary determinant of how well work-family policies can be encouraged and supported from a policy perspective and how Western and non-Western countries can promote work-family reconciliation.

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| <b>15:00-15:10</b> | <b>Opening Remarks</b><br>HE Ms. Alya Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations   |
|                    | <b>Moderator</b><br>Ms. Lara Hussein, Director of Family Policy Division, Doha International Family Institute  |
| <b>15:10-15:20</b> | <b>Re-thinking Work and Family Policies Within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals: Highlights from the Arab Region</b><br>Ms. Noor Al-Malki, Executive Director of Doha International Family Institute  |
| <b>5:20-15:40</b>  | <b>Work-Family Balance, Social Development, and the United Nations 2030 Agenda: The Recognition, Need, and Implementation of Culturally Specific Policies</b><br>Dr. Bahira Sherif Trask, Professor & Chair Human Development & Family Studies, University of Delaware |
| <b>15:40-15:55</b> | <b>Socio-economic Policies Recognizing the Value of Unpaid Work</b><br>Ms. Renata Kaczmarkska, UN Focal Point on the Family, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UN   |
| <b>15:55-16:10</b> | <b>The Role of Fathers and Employers in the Implementation of Effective Work-family Balance Policies</b><br>Mr. Ignacio Socias, Director of International Relations at the International Federation for Family Development (IFFD)                                      |
| <b>16:10-16:30</b> | <b>Interactive Open Discussion &amp; Closing Remarks</b>   |